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COMMENTS

Claims 1-20, 22-24, 26-37, 39, 49-53, and 56-67 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1-20, 22-24, 26-37, 39, 49-53, and 56-67 Have a Fully Compliant Basis for Reissue

Claims 1-20, 22-24, 26-37, 39, 49-53, and 56-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as lacking a basis for reissue due to the expiration of original patent 6,044,983. Applicant respectfully submits that patent 6,044,983 has now been revived, and thus, the present rejection is now moot.

On Monday, November 8, 2004, Applicant's counsel contacted Examiner Gibson and explained that the online PAIR system presently indicates that a petition to revive U.S. Patent No. 6,044,983 was granted on October 28, 2004. Attached is a printout from the on-line PAIR system indicating the same. Applicant thus submits that the present rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the Examiner's requests in the case and thus is in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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